

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3, 5, 8 and 11 through 15 are now pending in this application. In response to the non-final Office Action dated February 28, 2006, claims 2, 3, 5, 8, 11 and 13 have been amended, and claims 6, 7, 9 and 10 have been cancelled. Care has been taken to avoid the insertion of new matter. Favorable reconsideration of the application as now amended is respectfully solicited.

The Office Action, at page 2, requests a statement confirming the specification. The specification filed December 23, 2003 (the filing date of the present application) is the specification of this application on record. The document filed June 4, 2004, as noted in the transmittal accompanying the filing, is a verified English language translation of a provisional application. The June 4, 2004 document is not the specification of record of the present application.

Claims 5 and 11 stand under objection solely for their dependence from rejected parent claims. Claims 5 and 11 were stated to be allowable if presented in appropriate independent form. In response, claims 5 and 11 have been amended accordingly and are now allowable.

Claims 2, 3, 8 and 13 have been amended to be dependent from claims 5 and 11, respectively, as are all remaining claims. The prior art rejections of record of claims 2, 3, 6 through 10 and 12 through 15 are, therefore, moot at this time.

Withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of the application are respectfully solicited. To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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